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Attached are comments on the memorandum of 21 July about the availability of CIA publications. One additional reason why the Agency has cut back on materials openly identified as CIA publications is that the Agency's involvement, in itself, may cause a reaction or undue interest.

Attachment

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Response to Point #1

Within the last year the CIA established new procedures for the production and dissemination of unclassified material.

Response to Point #2

Unclassified analytical pieces are no longer produced. CIA does disseminate unclassified material for official use within the Government to consultants, to contractor personnel and to other organizations and individuals with whom it has an official relationship. Persons outside the U.S. Government with no official relationship can order unclassified Agency products through the Library of Congress' Document Expediting (DOCEX) Project or through the Commerce Department's National Technical Information Service (NTIS).

Response to Point #3

As mentioned above, persons outside the U.S. Government with no official relationship can purchase all unclassified Agency publications through DOCEX or NTIS. The statistical reviews produced by the Agency are also available for purchase through these channels.

Response to Point #4

The new procedures were not directed at academicians, but at enabling the Agency to carry out more effectively the support needed by our key consumers. The Agency, in its plan to improve the quality of analysis, has specifically initiated plans to broaden and deepen the exchange of ideas and information with experts on the outside by utilizing additional university course work, conferences and informal sessions. Most university libraries should have no problem justifying the expense of a subscription to receive unclassified Agency publications for use by researchers and scholars.

Response to Point #5

Unclassified information, primarily in the form of reference aids and statistical reviews, are still being made available. Concerns expressed should become less of a problem as the Agency extends its contacts with outside experts through the use of consultants, contractors, conferences and courses.